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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: 33RD SESSION OF GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES -
REPORT OF COUNCIL AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES MET NOVEMBER 29 AND MORNING
OF NOVEMBER 30 IN SHORT UNEVENTFUL SESSION. MOST OF
MEETING TAKEN UP BY GENERAL STATEMENTS ON WORLD TRADING
SITUATION WITH RELATIVELY FEW COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC TRADE
ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE GATT COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR.
ITEMS DISCUSSED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1 (REPORT OF THE
COUNCIL) WERE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ANTIDUMPING -- JAPANESE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
ANTIDUMPING PROCEDURES ARE BEING USED AS PROTECTIONIST
DEVICE AND CRITICIZED U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF ANTIDUMPING
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STATUES. EC (DUGIMONT) COMMENTED ABOUT ANTIDUMPING
INQUIRIES IN THE STEEL SECTOR AND SAID UNILATERAL ACTION
NOT APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR A SOLUTION TO A GENERAL PROBLEM;
LESS THAN SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE WITH ANTIDUMPING CODE
HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR NEGOTIATION OF OTHER PROPOSED AGREE-
MENTS IN MTN. USDEL (BARRACLOUGH) REPLIED THAT U.S.
ACTIONS ARE IN ACCORD WITH LETTER AND SPIRIT OF CODE,

AND ADDED THAT IF DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION EXIST, THEY CAN BE REVIEWED AND SUBJECTED AS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATION.

(B) DISC -- EC SAID STALEMATE IN COUNCIL REGARDING ADOPTION OF PANEL REPORTS WAS WEAKENING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM AND THAT CP'S MUST FIND WAY TO RESOLVE ISSUE, POINTING OUT THAT EC HAD MADE PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL TO THIS END. CANADA REMINDED CP'S THAT PANEL HAD FOUND DISC INCONSISTENT WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT AND URGED U.S. TO ABOLISH DISC SOONEST.

(C) EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE -- CANADA DREW CP'S ATTENTION TO UNSATISFACTORY RESULT OF WORKING PARTY, SAID THERE WAS A NEED TO CLARIFY CONSISTENCY OF EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, AND REPEATED PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GATT PANEL. WE EXPRESSED OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF WP AND SUPPORTED CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

(D) PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS -- INDIA SAID THEY WERE A GREAT IDEA BUT THAT BENEFITS SHOULD BE SPREAD TO MORE LDC'S. JAPAN, IN AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT, SUPPORTED AIMS OF ASEAN AGREEMENTS BUT SAID NOTHING ABOUT ITS CONSISTENCY WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT.

(E) TEXTILES -- KOREA, INDIA, HONG KONG, EGYPT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERU, AND BRAZIL ALL EXPRESSED VARYING DEGREES OF CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH DC'S (READ EC). IN STRONGEST STATEMENT HONG KONG (TSAO) DESCRIBED CURRENT BILATERALS AS DEMANDS BACKED BY DC THREATS AGAINST WEAKER TRADING PARTNERS WHICH, IF ACCEDED TO, WOULD RENDER THE MFA A DEAD LETTER. INDIA CRITICIZED USE OF IMPORT PENETRATION RATIO AS BASIS FOR RESTRAINTS, REGARDLESS OF INJURY. SEVERAL LDC'S SAW NEGOTIATIONS AS HAVING IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER SECTORS WHERE LDC'S ARE COMPETITIVE.

(F) CHILEAN COMPLAINT UNDER ARTICLE XXIII -- CHILE DESCRIBED UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS REGARDING EC RESTRAINTS ON MALT BARLEY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EC AND SAID IT INTENDED TO BRING ISSUE BEFORE NEXT COUNCIL IF BILATERAL SOLUTION NOT FOUND. EC INDICATED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH CHILE UNDER XXIII:1 WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.

2. OTHER BUSINESS -- AUSTRALIA, DEPRIVED OF USUAL OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE U.S. SECTION 22 WAIVER (BECAUSE ITEM NOT ON AGENDA), RAISED QUESTION UNDER OTHER BUSINESS. EC STATED SECTION 22 WAIVER CREATES IMBALANCE NOT ONLY

FROM POINT OF VIEW OF TRADE BUT ALSO WITH RESPECT TO
LEGAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. NEW ZEALAND ALSO EXPRESSED
INTEREST. WE NOTED THAT REPORT REQUIRED UNDER TERMS OF
WAIVER HAD BEEN SUBMITTED AND WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF
THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GATT COUNCIL.

3. DATE OF NEXT SESSION -- WEEK OF 27 NOVEMBER 1978.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -- AS PREARRANGED, FOLLOWING
OFFICERS ELECTED:

CHAIRMAN OF CP'S -- AMBASSADOR DEGEER (SWEDEN)

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CP'S -- BRUNGART (U.S.)

- REAL (URUGUAY)

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- HLAVATY (CZECHOSLOVAKIA)

CHAIRMAN OF GATT COUNCIL -- AMB. YUNUS (PAKISTAN)

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